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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. At about 1 p.m. on 20 April 1953, two trains from the direction of Elsterwerda passed through Ruhland. The first shipment consisted of JS tanks [REDACTED] personnel carriers [REDACTED] armored scout cars [REDACTED] SP guns [REDACTED] and troops on several boxcars, while the second shipment consisted of 25 heavy SP guns.¹

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2. Between 21 and 24 April, the following trains passed through Weimar and proceeded toward Erfurt:

At about 8:15 a.m. on 21 April: a train with 14 tanks, [REDACTED] and 14 boxcars including 6 with troops.²

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At about 5 p.m. on 21 April: a train with 6 light and 8 heavy AA guns.

At about 5:15 p.m. on 21 April: a train with 6 rocket launchers, [REDACTED] and troops on 6 to 8 boxcars.

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At about 6 p.m. on 21 April: a train with 45 to 50 trucks [REDACTED]

At 5:50 p.m. on 22 April: a train with 12 AT guns.³

The five heavy AA guns which moved out of the Flak Kaserne in Weimar at 11 a.m. on 20 April were still absent from the post by 24 April. [REDACTED] these five guns went to Ohrdruf by road.⁴

3. Between 19 and 23 April, most of the troops from the Pionier Kaserne and the Infanterie Kaserne in Weissenfels were entrained. On 23 April, the barracks installations quartered about 200 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank or artillery insignia and black-bordered

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crimson epaulets. Materiel loaded in Weissenfels included 6 JS-1 tanks, 6 T-44 tanks, 3 AT guns and 14 trucks. All shipments left toward Naumburg. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The report refers to shipments of the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div from Leisnig to Koenigsbrueck, the loading of which was repeatedly confirmed. [REDACTED] The trains to Koenigsbrueck are usually rerouted via Elsterwerda.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] a shipment of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Plauen or Meiningen.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably, shipments of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from Jena to Ohrdruf. [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. It is conceivable that elements of the 13th AAA Div were transferred to Ohrdruf.

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. The units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Weissenfels [REDACTED] were unloaded in Eisenach. [REDACTED]

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